

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 8 and 10 to 12 have been canceled. Claims 20-46 have been previously canceled.

The Examiner indicates that claim 10 would be allowable if placed into independent form. Claim 9 has been amended to accomplish this. Further, with the allowability of generic claim 9 (as amended) indicated, it is believed that dependent claims 15 and 18, previously withdrawn, are also in condition for allowance.

Claims 9 and 13 to 19 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Entry of this amendment under 37 C.F.F. § 1.113 is believed warranted, as the amendment cancels finally rejected claims and complies with the requirement to place allowable claim 10 in independent form.

Respectfully Submitted,

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